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## **REMARKS**

### **Amendments to the figures**

Applicant has noted that reference numeral "6" has been used for two different elements in FIGS. 1 and 2. Accordingly, Applicant corrects this with the replacement figures.

### **Amendments to the specification**

Applicant amends the specification to conform to the new figures.

In addition, Applicant adds section headers consistent with U.S. practice.

### **Claim amendments**

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response, Applicant submits new claims 45-68, all of which recite the allowable subject matter.

New independent claim 45 recites the limitations of claims 17, 18, and 21. Since claim 21 is considered allowable, claim 45 is likewise allowable. Claims 46-60 all include the limitations of claim 45, and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

New independent claim 61 recites the limitations of claims 35, 37 and 40. Since claim 40 is deemed to recite allowable subject matter, claim 61 is likewise allowable. Claims 62-68 all include the limitations of claim 45, and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

### **Summary**

Now pending in this application are claims 45-68, of which claims 45 and 61 are independent. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, to the extent fees are due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket "12816-036001."

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FIG 1

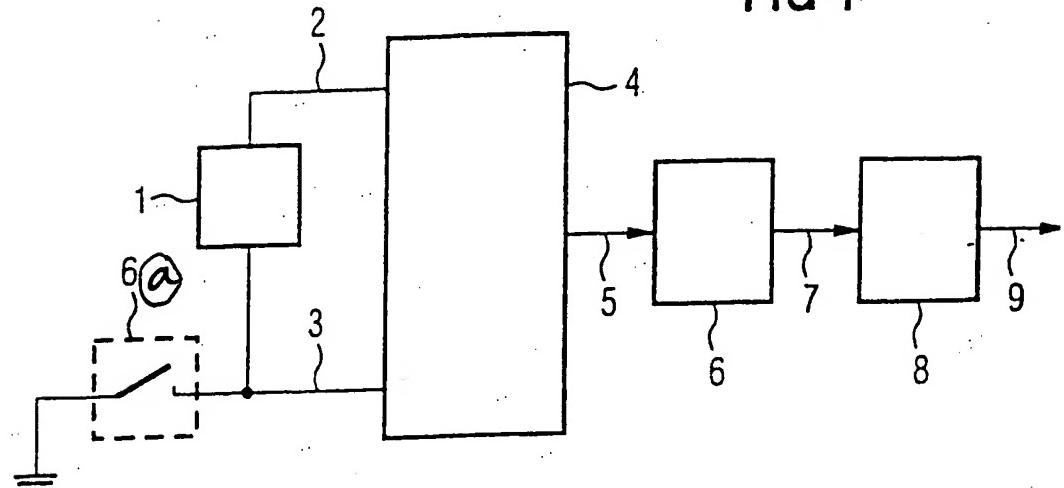


FIG 2

